

HOUSE No. 1932

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, petition of Ronald Mariano and Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to the use of seat belts in vehicles used to transport pre-school students. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT PRE-SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 7B, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, the
3 following section 7B½:—
4 Section 7B½. Any motor vehicle or school bus used to trans-
5 port students, as defined in section one of chapter ninety, under
6 the age of five, shall be equipped with a seat belt for each perma-
7 nent seating accommodation designed and installed in compliance
8 with the U.S. motor vehicle D.O.T. safety standards. Said seat
9 belts shall be fastened about each passenger at all times during
10 vehicle operation.